

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended as follows. A revised Abstract, including the changes reflected below, is attached.

A tripod ~~(1)~~ for supporting apparatus in general and, in particular, for optical or photographic apparatus and the like. ~~The tripod has is described and comprises a spider (2), a pillar (8) arranged to be housed with a stem (7) thereof the pillar in a through-hole (6) formed through the spider (2), and a head (4) arranged for receiving the apparatus and connected to a first end (7a) of the pillar (8).~~ In the closed-up or fully retracted condition, that is, in the most compact condition of the tripod (1), the head (4) is at least partially housed inside the through-hole (6).

Attachment